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Brig. Gen. Francis M. Brady

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Dear General Brady:

Your letter of 18 May was read with considerable interest, and I want to express my appreciation to you for your desire to help in these matters. It has been turned over to the proper people. You may rest assured that your proposal will receive full and sympathetic consideration.

At the same time, I feel justified in saying that our Government is ignoring no geographic area and no channel for action in its efforts to meet the challenge of Communist tyranny.

I hope the above will reassure you with respect to the problem you raise.

Sincerely yours,

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C. P. CABELL  
Lieutenant General, USAF

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18 May 1954.

Lt. Gen. C.P. Cabell  
2430 "E" St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Cabell:

Are we doing anything to organize and train and give financial support to Pro-Democratic or Pre-American political party leaders and supporters in Panama, India, Guatemala, Burma, Thailand, Italy and other "fringe" countries?

I realize the above problem or activity is not directly connected with your organization but I am at a loss as to whom I should address my query.

When I was on duty in Italy, I knew Italians were being invited to Moscow and indoctrinated in Communism and trained to organize and lead Red activities. Upon their return to Italy, these Moscow trained Reds selected likely prospects for a school operating just outside Milano, trained and indoctrinated these local "boys", and then returned them to their home towns to spread the Red gospel and organize local cells, etc.

I know we have various missions abroad for furnishing information re American doctrines, systems, etc., economic assistance, and radio broadcasting. My observations were that these missions or agencies were largely ineffectual because they were comprised mainly of "Americans" they were living the life of "aristocrats" (from the natives' viewpoint) and were not reaching the vast majority of little people.

Can't we carefully select some of our friends from "fringe" countries and develop them into leaders in their home countries to properly represent our Democratic principles and carry the truth to their people? Wouldn't it be of value to have "American friends" among the Guatemalan workers on the United Fruit plantations or the shop-keepers in Karachi and Delhi and the jute-mills in Calcutta?

I have some pretty definite ideas on the above subject and some tentative plans. If you think there

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is anything of value in the above and it is not being worked out at present, would you pass this letter along to the proper authority or advise me as to whom I should contact.

With kindest personal regards,

Faithfully yours,

S/  
Francis M. Brady  
Brig. Gen., USAF (Ret).

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Does DD/P concur in proposed reply? (I'm sure Gen Cabell would request DD/P coordination.)

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